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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers weekend water safety reminder and lake conditions

KANSAS CITY, Mo – High Lake levels mean new hazards for boaters as items which were previously visible above water are now submerged. Approximately 700 recreational boaters die each year due to boating mishaps.

Each year, approximately 6,000 people drown in the United States. Drowning is the **SECOND** leading cause of accidental deaths for persons 15-44 years of age. What is really surprising is that two-thirds of the people who drown never had any intention of being in the water!

Corps officials urge everyone spending time at the lakes to wear properly fitting life jackets whenever they are on or near the water. It only takes 20 seconds for a child to drown without a life jacket and 60 seconds for an adult. Statistics show that 96 percent of those who drown at Corps lakes may have survived if they had been wearing a life jacket, and more than half of the incidents involved alcohol. Please wear your life jackets when you're at the lake. It won't work if you don't wear it!

As the nation's largest provider of water recreation, Corps lake representatives are committed to taking a leadership role in reducing the number of water-related accidents and drowning. Please visit our water safety Web site at <http://watersafety.usace.army.mil> to find water safety tips, a list of water safety education events throughout the country and many interactive games and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you enjoy water, land or off-road activities, Corps lake managers and rangers request you keep safety in mind during your visit.

Blue Springs Lake Report

- Lake level currently 802.19 feet
- Normal pool level 802.0 feet
- Outflow 6 cubic feet per second (cfs)

All facilities are open, no high water problems

For information about Blue Springs, call 816-761-6194 Monday – Friday, and 816-532-0174 Saturday and Sunday.

Clinton Lake Report

- Lake Level - currently 877.71 feet
- Normal pool level 875.5 feet
- Total Release – 250 cfs
- All camping and boating facilities are open and operational.
- All other day use facilities are open and operational.

For information about Clinton Lake, call 785-843-7665.

Hillsdale Lake Report

- Lake Level - currently 924.32 feet
- Total Release - 200 cfd
- Lake Level - currently 7.3 feet high
- Water temperature is approx. 77 degrees
- State Park facilities have been impacted by high water.
 - 47 campsites are out of service
 - 3 boat ramps remain closed
 - Jayhawk and Marysville boat ramps are still in full use

For information about Hillsdale Lake, call the Lake Visitor Center at 913-783-4366.

Kanopolis Lake Report

- Lake Level – currently 1467.88 feet
- Total Release – 202 cfs
- All boat ramps and most camp pads are accessible.
- Camp pad reservations for this weekend are fairly light so a lot of quality sites are available on a first come/first served basis.

Weather forecast looks good with highs in the upper 80's and no rain! For more information about Kanopolis Lake, call 785-546-2294.

Long Branch Lake Report

- Lake level - 790.54 feet
The Lake is .49 foot below normal and falling.
- Total Release - 50 cfs

No recreational facilities impacted - conditions normal.

For information about Long Branch, call 660-385-2108.

Longview Lake Report

- Lake level currently 891.13 feet
- Normal pool level 891.0 feet
- Outflow 12 cfs

All facilities are open, no high water problems.

For information about Longview Lake, call 816-761-6194 Monday – Friday, and 816-532-0174 Saturday and Sunday.

Melvern Lake Report

- Lake Level – currently 1042.79 feet
- 6.82 feet above multipurpose pool
- Total Release – 200 cfs
- One beach is inundated and closed.

- Beach in Outlet Park is open — not effected by the high water.
- All boat ramps are open and courtesy docks are functional at the boat ramps.
- Campground Status: Campsites are available for the weekend in all parks.
Over 95% of the campsites are open on the lake.
Picnic shelters are available through the weekend.

For information about Melvern Lake, call 785-549-3478.

Milford Lake Report

- Lake Level - currently 1146.78 feet
- The lake level is 2.75 feet above conservation pool
- Total Release - 600 cfs
- We are slowly dropping our conservation pool back to 2 feet above normal.
- All beaches, boat ramps & campgrounds are open around the lake.
- Courtesy docks are available at the boat ramps.
- Campgrounds are open!
- Eleven shelters are available.
- The School Creek Off Road Vehicle area and all hiking trails are accessible.

For information about Milford Lake, call 785-238-5714.

Perry Lake Report

- Lake Level - currently 893.56 feet
- Total Release – 100 cfs
- All camping and boating facilities are open and operational.
- All other day use facilities are open and operational.

For information about Perry Lake, call 785-597-5144.

Pomona Lake Report

- Lake Level - currently 984.53 feet
- Total Release – 200 cfs
- One park closed - Adams Grove
- All utility campsites sites on the lake are open with the exception of a few in Wolf Creek D loop.
- One park closed - Adams Grove
- About 15% of campsites in Wolf Creek and Michigan Valley Parks are closed and under water.
- All Corps boat ramps are closed/under water; however, the State Park has two ramps open.
- All beaches are closed/under water.
- All picnic shelters are open.

Although there is high water at Pomona Lake, facilities are still available for use and we encourage the public to come out and enjoy the facilities that are open.

For information about Pomona Lake, call 785-453-2201.

Smithville Lake Report

- Lake Level currently 864.24 feet
- Normal pool level 864.20 feet
- Outflow 8 cfs

All facilities are open, no high water problems.

For information about Smithville, call 816-532-0174.

Stockton Lake Report

- Current Lake Level - 875 feet
- Normal pool level – 867 cfs
- Total Release - 5300 cfs through the generator

For information about Stockton Lake, call 417-276-3113.

Tuttle Creek Lake Report

- Lake Level - currently 1075.12 feet
- Total Release – 5300 cfs

All camping and boating facilities are open and operational.
The beach at Tuttle Creek Cove Park is closed due to damage from the May/June flood events. All other day use facilities are open and operational.

For information about Tuttle Creek, call 785-539-8511.

Truman Lake Report

- Lake Level – currently 730.25 feet
- Total Release – 55,000 cfs
 - 24,000 cfs through the spillway
 - 31,000 cfs through the generators (5)
- All beaches and primary boat ramps are inundated and closed.
- High Water boat ramps are available at Shawnee Bend, Berry Bend and Talley Bend. The Truman State Park has one high water boat ramp available. ***Please remain alert to the lake rise on parking lots.***
- Boaters should use extreme caution due to submerged and/or floating debris.
- ***Water skiing and tubing are not recommended at this time due to floating debris.***

Campground Status

- Three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds are open at this time. All sites are first come first served.
 - Berry Bend South has 30 non - electric and 47 electric available.
 - Thibaut Point has 16 electrical sites and 23 non-electric available.
 - Osage Bluff has 30 electrical sites available.
 - Truman State Park managed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources also has camping available.
- Thirteen picnic shelters are available at various areas around the lake.
- Berry Bend Equestrian Park is currently closed to camping. Day Use trail riding is still available; however, high water will affect some of the trail use. Horse riders will need to use caution while riding trails.

- The Cooper Creek ATV Area is closed to riding.
- Outlying areas and roads: Flood waters will continue to rise on various roads surrounding the project. These roads are signed; however, drivers will need to use caution while traveling around the project.

For information about Truman Lake, call 660-438-7317.

Wilson Lake Report

- Lake Level – currently 1513.47 feet
- Total Release –15 cfs

100% campsite utilization

We remain 2.6 feet below conservation pool.

All boat ramps and facilities are functional.

For more information about Wilson Lake, call 785-658-2551.

Although the federal lakes were built for flood damage reduction, they also provide superb outdoor recreational opportunities. If you plan a camping trip to the lake, call the National Recreation Reservation Service toll free at 1-877-444-6777 or log onto the Internet at www.recreation.gov to make reservations and ensure a campsite is available upon your arrival.

For current lake level information visit http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/water_reports/lakepool.fct and /or <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Flood2007/>. For lake pass information visit <http://www.store.usgs.gov/pass/general.html> or call 1-888-ASK-USGS.

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. www.nwk.usace.army.mil